

## N E W S R E L E A S E

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### **Payroll Employment Up 10,800 Jobs *California's Unemployment Rate Increases to 5.2 Percent***

**SACRAMENTO** – California's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 10,800 jobs over the month, for a total of 15,258,400, according to the state Employment Development Department's (EDD) monthly survey of employers.

A separate survey of households showed the number of Californians holding jobs in May was 17,227,000. This was an increase of 18,000 from April, and up 221,000 from the employment total in May 2006.

California's unemployment rate was 5.2 percent in May, up from 5.1 percent in April, according to EDD. In May 2006, California's unemployment rate was 4.9 percent.

The number of people unemployed in California was 944,000 – an increase of 10,000 over the month, and up by 65,000 compared with May of last year.

Of the unemployed, 447,100 were laid off, 85,800 left their jobs voluntarily, and the remaining were either new entrants or reentrants into the labor market, or persons who completed temporary jobs.

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 370,075 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the May survey week. This compares with 399,197 last month and 334,154 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 41,069 in May 2007, compared with 43,129 in April and 37,041 in May of last year.

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## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 15,258,400 in May, a net gain of 10,800 jobs since the April survey. This followed a gain of 4,800 jobs (as revised) in April.

Seven of the categories (**trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) added jobs over the month, gaining 18,900 jobs. Government showed the largest gain, up by 5,300 jobs. Four categories (**natural resources and mining; construction; manufacturing; and financial activities**) reported job declines this month, down 8,100 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest decline over the month, down by 3,400 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (May 2006 to May 2007), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 228,600 jobs (up 1.5 percent).

Eight industry divisions (**natural resources and mining; trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job gains over the year, adding 241,000 jobs. On a numerical basis, professional and business services showed the strongest employment growth, adding 56,100 jobs (a 2.5 percent increase). On a percentage of growth basis, educational and health services showed the strongest gain, up 2.9 percent (adding 47,200 jobs).

Three categories (**construction; manufacturing; and financial activities**) posted job declines over the year, down 12,400 jobs. Construction employment showed the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 4,800 jobs (a 0.5 percent decrease).

## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, employment in **leisure and hospitality** showed the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 14,500 jobs. The gains were mainly in accommodation and food service, which added 10,000 jobs. **Financial activities** recorded the greatest non-seasonally adjusted loss, down by 1,100 jobs. The losses were concentrated in the credit intermediation and related activities sector, which declined by 1,700 jobs.

The **professional and business services** industries reported the largest gain over the year, up 55,500 jobs. The gains were centered in the professional, scientific and technical services sector, which was up by 40,000 jobs, and the administrative and support and waste services sector, which was up by 21,800 jobs. The largest decrease over the year was in **construction**, which was down by 6,700 jobs. Most of the losses were in the specialty trade contractors sector, which declined by 5,200 jobs.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**  
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	May 2007 (prelim.)	April 2007	May 2006	Change Over 12 months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	15,258.4	15,247.6	15,029.8	1.5
Natural resources and mining . . . . .	25.2	25.7	24.9	1.2
Construction . . . . .	937.3	939.7	942.1	-0.5
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,498.0	1,501.4	1,502.6	-0.3
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,906.2	2,903.0	2,868.0	1.3
Information . . . . .	474.5	469.9	470.2	0.9
Financial activities . . . . .	940.4	942.2	943.4	-0.3
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,269.7	2,269.6	2,213.6	2.5
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,655.4	1,654.2	1,608.2	2.9
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,551.5	1,549.7	1,512.4	2.6
Other services . . . . .	514.0	511.3	505.4	1.7
Government* . . . . .	2,486.2	2,480.9	2,439.0	1.9
Agriculture . . . . .	350.6	343.3	369.8	-5.2

\*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

**TABLE A**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

	May 2007	April 2007	March 2007	May 2006
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,171,000	18,143,000	18,135,000	17,885,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,227,000	17,209,000	17,259,000	17,006,000
Unemployment . . . . .	944,000	934,000	876,000	879,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	5.2	5.1	4.8	4.9
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.6

**TABLE B**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA**

	May 2007	April 2007	March 2007	May 2006
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,096,000	18,058,000	18,105,000	17,802,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,217,000	17,149,000	17,188,000	16,983,000
Unemployment . . . . .	879,000	909,000	917,000	819,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	4.9	5.0	5.1	4.6

<sup>a</sup>Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

**MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES**  
**MAY 2007; 2006 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18,095,500</b>	<b>17,216,800</b>	<b>878,700</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
ALAMEDA	750,000	717,200	32,800	4.4%
ALPINE	430	380	50	10.6%
AMADOR	17,770	16,780	990	5.6%
BUTTE	103,700	97,200	6,500	6.2%
CALAVERAS	21,120	19,800	1,320	6.2%
COLUSA	8,850	7,830	1,020	11.5%
CONTRA COSTA	522,100	499,400	22,700	4.3%
DEL NORTE	11,150	10,380	770	6.9%
EL DORADO	95,200	90,600	4,600	4.8%
FRESNO	422,000	387,400	34,600	8.2%
GLENN	12,110	11,080	1,030	8.5%
HUMBOLDT	61,400	58,200	3,200	5.3%
IMPERIAL	67,300	56,400	10,900	16.2%
INYO	9,320	8,900	420	4.5%
KERN	349,600	322,600	27,000	7.7%
KINGS	58,300	53,500	4,800	8.2%
LAKE	26,940	25,010	1,930	7.2%
LASSEN	12,520	11,580	940	7.5%
LOS ANGELES	4,882,500	4,665,700	216,800	4.4%
MADERA	65,400	60,700	4,700	7.1%
MARIN	133,600	129,200	4,400	3.3%
MARIPOSA	9,300	8,780	520	5.6%
MENDOCINO	43,160	40,920	2,240	5.2%
MERCED	102,100	92,400	9,700	9.5%
MODOC	4,060	3,760	300	7.3%
MONO	7,960	7,510	450	5.6%
MONTEREY	214,100	201,800	12,300	5.8%
NAPA	75,000	72,300	2,700	3.6%
NEVADA	49,930	47,630	2,300	4.6%
ORANGE	1,627,000	1,569,400	57,600	3.5%
PLACER	171,800	164,200	7,600	4.4%
PLUMAS	10,690	9,910	780	7.3%
RIVERSIDE	910,200	862,700	47,500	5.2%
SACRAMENTO	693,900	659,800	34,100	4.9%
SAN BENITO	25,200	23,600	1,600	6.4%
SAN BERNARDINO	908,100	863,000	45,100	5.0%
SAN DIEGO	1,518,100	1,454,300	63,800	4.2%
SAN FRANCISCO	426,200	409,000	17,200	4.0%
SAN JOAQUIN	291,500	269,500	22,000	7.5%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	132,900	127,700	5,200	3.9%
SAN MATEO	372,700	359,300	13,400	3.6%
SANTA BARBARA	218,600	210,300	8,300	3.8%
SANTA CLARA	845,500	808,600	36,900	4.4%
SANTA CRUZ	148,400	140,700	7,700	5.2%
SHASTA	85,200	79,400	5,800	6.8%
SIERRA	1,640	1,520	120	7.5%
SISKIYOU	19,400	17,940	1,460	7.5%
SOLANO	214,300	204,000	10,300	4.8%
SONOMA	261,600	251,100	10,500	4.0%
STANISLAUS	227,500	208,100	19,400	8.5%
SUTTER	40,800	36,700	4,100	10.1%
TEHAMA	25,460	23,750	1,710	6.7%
TRINITY	5,180	4,710	470	9.1%
TULARE	196,300	179,400	16,900	8.6%
TUOLUMNE	26,400	24,780	1,620	6.1%
VENTURA	431,800	413,300	18,500	4.3%
YOLO	95,900	91,100	4,800	5.0%
YUBA	26,100	23,800	2,300	8.8%